

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2834 – SB 2679

February 14, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013031): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires physicians to report to law enforcement, within two business days, any wound or injury resulting from exposure to a methamphetamine laboratory or methamphetamine laboratory related fire, explosion, or chemical release. Violation is punishable as a Class a misdemeanor. Grants immunity from any civil liability to those physicians who report such wound or injury and provides that such person will have an affirmative defense to any criminal liability arising from the protected activity.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Notification to physicians of the provisions of this legislation can be accomplished through the Department of Health's online newsletters and will not result in a significant fiscal impact.
- Ensuring compliance with the provisions of this bill will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Osteopathic Physicians.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2011, the Board of Medical Examiners had a balance of \$1,465,207.30 and the Board of Osteopathic Physicians had a balance of \$227,559.19.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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